

HOUSE RESOLUTION 25

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A RESOLUTION to call upon President Donald J. Trump not to rescind sanctions against Russia.

WHEREAS, in December 2016, the President of the United States signed an Executive Order that imposed sanctions against Russia for its role in tampering in the United States presidential election through cyberattacks; and

WHEREAS, United States Senators John McCain (R-Arizona) and Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) called for even stronger sanctions, in fact. "The retaliatory measures announced by the Obama Administration today are long overdue. But ultimately, they are a small price for Russia to pay for its brazen attack on American democracy. We intend to lead the effort in the new Congress to impose stronger sanctions on Russia," the Republicans said in a joint statement; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security released a statement saying that the "U.S. government can confirm that the Russian government, including Russia's civilian and military intelligence services, conducted many of the activities generally described by a number of security companies that had previously pinned the cyberattacks on Russia."; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator John McCain has called Russian behavior unacceptable. "We need more sanctions against Russia. We should not relax them," Senator McCain said. "If we don't keep those sanctions on and even increase them it will encourage Vladimir Putin, who is a war criminal."; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Lindsey Graham stated that "Russia is trying to break the back of democracies all around the world."; and

WHEREAS, United States Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham, in a joint statement on President Donald J. Trump's executive order on immigration and foreign policy, state that they "fear this executive order will become a self-inflicted wound in the fight against terrorism"; and

WHEREAS, as we seek to ensure the safety of every American it is vital to the national security of the United States that we stand in support of democracy and the continuation of sanctions against Russia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby call upon President Donald J. Trump not to rescind the United States sanctions against Russia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the President of the United States of America.